

Local Weather and Traffic updates through XM Radio offer unparalleled information in the Boston, MA area. The weather and traffic is transmitted on a continuously updated loop. There is no waiting through commercials and there is no waiting for "weather on 3's and traffic on the 8's" on a scratchy AM radio station when it's 5:09pm as I'm about to hit the road into rush hour. Trying to find the traffic on an FM station requires patience and luck. Local radio is not offering the same service to the local customer that XM is providing. In addition to the local weather and traffic reports, the other programming on XM is fantastic. No where on FM stations can I listen to continuous comedy bits, sports reporting, and unsigned acts. I have purchased more than one album published on independent labels of bands I never would have heard of had I not been introduced to them through XM.

Cutting their programming is absolutely ridiculous. It seems as if some monolithic, multi-billion dollar companies refuse to adjust their own programming to please the customer. Instead of changing their programming to a style that is obviously liked by the masses, they;d rather stomp on the competition and refuse to change. I suppose all is fair in capitalistic war, but if I hear another Britney Spears like, teeny bopper, pop song, because XM isn't broadcasting what I want to hear, I'll rip the receiver out of my car and hum to myself on the way to work.

Respectfully yours,  
Michael Bender  
XM listener since 12/03